

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows:

This application claims the benefit of co-pending United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/295,900 filed June 4, 2001, co-pending United States Non-Provisional Patent Application No. [[____]] 10/021,943 filed on [[____]] December 12, 2001, co-pending United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/295,987 filed on June 4, 2001, and co-pending United States Non-Provisional Patent Application No. [[____]] 10/021,854 filed on [[____]] December 12, 2001, and claiming priority to the above mentioned Non-Provisional Applications the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by references.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17 as follows:

In order to resolve any conflicting changes between and old and a new file tree, the two trees have to be compared. A utility, commonly called a file tree comparator, compares the two file tree descriptions and generates a sequenced log of changes that transforms the old tree to a new tree. A complete description of one file tree comparator is contained in co-pending provisional U.S. patent application "File Tree Comparator", Sr. No. 60/ 296,065 filed on June 4, 2001, and co-pending non-provisional U.S. patent application "File Tree Comparator", Sr. No. [[____]] 10/021,943 filed on [[____]] December 12, 2001, and assigned to the assignee of this patent.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 26 as follows:

After the changes have been recorded, another utility, commonly known as a reconciler, takes in as its input the log of changes (if one is available) from both the old and the new file trees and reconciles any changes that have occurred since the last synchronization. A complete description of one file tree reconciler is contained in co-pending U.S. patent application "File Tree Change Reconciler", Sr. No. 60/ 295,987 filed on June 4, 2001, and co-pending U.S. patent application "File Tree Change Reconciler", Sr. No. [[____]] 10/021,854 filed on [[____]] December 12, 2001, and assigned to the assignee of this patent application.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 15 as follows:

Processor 913 may reside wholly on client computer 901 or wholly on server 926 or processor 913 may have its computational power distributed between computer 901 and server 926. In the case where processor 913 resides wholly on server 926, the results of the computations performed by processor 913 are transmitted to computer 901 via Internet 925, Internet Service Provider (ISP) 924, local network 922 and communication interface 920. In this way, computer 901 is able to display the results of the computation to a user in the form of output. Other suitable input devices may be used in addition to, or in place of, the mouse 901 and keyboard 900. I/O (input/output) unit ~~909~~ 919 coupled to bi-directional system bus 908 represents such I/O elements as a printer, A/V (audio/video) I/O, etc.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1 as follows:

Computer 901 includes a video memory 914, main memory 915 and mass storage 912, all coupled to bi-directional system bus 918 along with keyboard 910, mouse 911 and processor 913, and file tree conflict processor 927 which reconciles two synchronized tree of folders ~~628~~ 928, which is a client file tree index, and ~~629~~ 929, which is a server file index. The two synchronized tree folders ~~628~~ 928 and ~~629~~ 929 reside on a client and server respectively.